



Pictured at Left; Center Hill Maintenance Supervisor Junior Craig and sign maker Rob Billings install a new city limit sign for Center Hill in Sumter County.

Leesburg provides signs to Center Hill

It all started with an email to Leesburg City Manager Ron Stock from Center Hill Mayor Ralph Barry. Barry said Center Hill has wanted new municipal signs for a long time but nothing was getting done.

“When I was elected to the council a year and a half ago they were talking about it,” Barry said. A request to the city of Clermont’s sign shop was turned down. I decided to send an email to Ron Stock, who in turn went to Lora Bailey, the city Public Works Director. Bailey turned to Rob Billings, a 15 year city employee who runs the sign shop.

Billings is Leesburg’s certified level three signs and markings specialist, in charge of city signage. He had materials and brackets no longer used by the city which would be perfect to fill Center Hill’s request for 26 signs. The new street signs, city limit and other signs were crafted by Billings when he could grab the time. Center Hill agreed to purchase the signs at cost. This was definitely a win-win for both cities.

The project was postponed a few weeks by the hurricanes. Billings took the completed signs to Center Hill last week. Junior Craig, Maintenance Supervisor for Center Hill, was very pleased with the results. A Center Hill employee for 28 years, Craig knew all the sign locations by heart. “These are absolutely great,” Craig said. “You made these yourself?”

Mayor Barry was also pleased with the results. “We lost a few signs in the hurricane so I guess it’s time to email Mr. Stock again and see if they’re willing to do a few more.

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